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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Alternative To Blockade

IN disclosing that the United States Administration is "carefully discussing" possible measures for bringing pressure on the Chinese Communists "with a view to their feasibility, military practicability and danger of political embarrassments and trouble which might be created between the United States and its allies," Mr. Foster Dulles offers some reassurance that no precipitate action is being contemplated in Washington. The desire to hasten the end of hostilities in Korea is shared by all the United Nations allies, and it is perfectly right that all lines of action designed to achieve this objective should be considered. What is not to be countenanced is action, the positive effects of which are likely to be outweighed by serious consequences to the cause of the UN allies. Into this category Britain, Canada and now India believe a blockade of China would fall. The views of these three nations cannot be ignored. The British Government is particularly sensitive to the delicate situation which an American naval blockade could create inasmuch that Lord Reading has indicated in the House of Lords that if necessary, consideration would be given to sending British ships in convoy on their lawful trading missions in the China Seas. Moreover, her enticement to do so cannot be questioned.

A PART from the dangerous contingencies of establishing a blockade against the considered judgment of her friends and allies, the United States must give fullest consideration to the question of whether it could realise its prime objective—the shortening of the Korean war. Communist China is receiving comparatively little in the way of strategic materials through her southern and east coast ports; almost certainly not enough that if the route were closed she would be forced to abandon her military role in Korea. Furthermore, Russia's capacity to replace materials denied China from the sea lanes cannot be discounted. There are obvious alternatives to a coastal blockade, which are also likely to be more effective. One is to cut off all strategic materials from the Western world to Russia and her Eastern Europe satellites. Manifestly this is an important source of supplies from which Communist China directly benefits. There is no doubt that some West European countries are not attempting to apply strict embargoes on war potential to the Communist areas, and as members of the United Nations they should be made to do so. The United States, as a substantial provider of dollar credits and supplies to those nations, is entitled to demand that they make a 100 per cent contribution to embargoes on all strategic materials to the Communist bloc. The cutting off of supplies at source must be more effective than the interception of odd ships entering Chinese Communist ports with comparatively small quantities of essential commodities.

Incharran Incident Queries

London, Feb. 18. The Government was asked in the House of Commons today what action it intended to take on the interference with the British ship Incharran (3,539 tons) in Far Eastern waters.

The Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Anthony Nutting, replied that reports from the master of the Incharran indicated that it was not possible to identify the attacker.

Mr. Nutting added: "A spokesman of the Chinese Nationalist

US Considering Alternative Measures To Blockade

MIGHT REQUEST ALLIES TO BAN ALL TRADE

Washington, Feb. 18.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said today that the State Department was studying all possible measures to bring pressure on the Chinese Communists, including the possibility of a naval blockade of Red China.

Mr. Dulles told his first news conference that other possible measures being studied carefully and intensively by the Department included more strict enforcement of United Nations embargoes on trade with Red China, the possibility of even further trade restrictions and a whole series of measures.

President Eisenhower had told a news conference on Tuesday that he was not at this time considering a blockade or embargo of Red China, but acknowledged that other government departments were studying such measures.

Mr. Dulles said the question of interrupting or minimising the flow of military goods to Communist China had been under consideration in the State Department since the Korean war started. But he added that measures to give the Allies a military advantage and to embarrass the Chinese Reds were under more intensive study by the Department at the present time.

While the United Nations has embargoed the flow of strategic goods to Red China, Mr. Dulles said, the United States government might appeal to the Allies to ban all trade. But he said no final decision had been made.

Mr. Dulles was questioned about the Administration's plan to get Congressional approval of the joint resolution on secret agreements entered into by the Democratic administration with the heads of foreign governments. Mr. Dulles said the two primary purposes were to register dramatically the way in which Russia had breached these understandings and to register equally dramatically the desire and hope of the American people that captive states under Communism shall be liberated.

He said the administration believed the enslavement of the satellite peoples could be attributed to abuses and violation of secret agreements by Russia.

SHIPPING EMBARGO

Asked if the purpose of the United States in the Far East was to bring the fighting in Korea and Indo-China to an end on acceptable terms, he said one of the ways this could be done was to shift the burden of the fighting in Korea and Indo-China to indigenous forces there, thereby reducing the amount of Western land forces now tied down in land fighting in Asia.

He said it was a big advantage for the Kremlin to be able to tie down the military strength of the United States, France and other free nations.

Mr. Dulles said that if this advantage could be ended, then the advantage to the Soviets of continuing the Korean and Indo-China wars should be reduced and the chances of peace therefore would be increased.

Asked if the State Department was considering a blockade of Communist China, Mr. Dulles said the question of what action may be taken to interrupt or at least minimise the flow of goods of military value to the Chinese Communists had been under advisement by the State Department continuously since the outbreak of the Korean war.

He said the question was under even more intense scrutiny now. He said there were various ways of cutting off

strategic supplies from the Chinese Reds and naval blockade was only one of such possible ways.

He said another would be stricter enforcement of provisions which the United Nations has recommended to its member States for voluntarily reducing trade with Red China.

In fact, Mr. Dulles said, there was a whole series of measures which could be adopted.

He said all of these were under careful discussion with a view to their feasibility, military practicability and danger of political embarrassments and troubles which might be created between the United States and its allies should one or another course be followed on this problem.

Asked if any of these possible measures could be brought before the United Nations General Assembly opening this month in New York, Mr. Dulles replied that he was not aware of any such plan except perhaps for a possible renewed appeal to United Nations members to avoid intercourse with the enemy.

A reporter asked, however, that he did not know at this time whether it would be thought wise to raise the question even in that forum before the General Assembly.

IDEAS EXCHANGED

Asked whether any of these possible ways of minimising the flow of materials to Communist China had been taken up with the Allied nations, Mr. Dulles said many of these points, including trade questions, had been under discussion with other friendly governments.

A reporter asked whether the State Department thought the use of indigenous manpower for land fighting in Asia was a better way to force an end to the fighting there than to blockade China.

Mr. Dulles replied that these two approaches were not mutually exclusive. Asked if the United States contemplated more aid to Indo-China, he replied that the policy of relying more and more on indigenous forces was applicable to Indo-China—United Press.

Dulles Explains

Washington, Feb. 18. The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said today that the proposed declaration by President Eisenhower and Congress on wartime secret agreements would not involve any actual repudiation legally of the agreements.

He said the declaration now being drafted by administration and Congressional leaders would not affect the legal rights of any of the parties in the wartime agreements made between the United States and Russia—Reuter.

RATION-FREE FROM MARCH 1

London, Feb. 18. The Minister of Food, Mr. Gwilym Lloyd George, told the House of Commons today that price and other controls over salmagundi, staple meat dish of millions of food rationed citizens, would end on March 1—Reuter.

Nationalist Navy To Continue To Intercept

Taipei, Feb. 18.

The Chinese Nationalist Navy will continue to intercept any vessel, regardless of nationality, in Chinese territorial waters, attempting to enter ports on China mainland, Dr. Shen Chuang Huan, a government spokesman, declared today in an exclusive interview with Reuter.

Dr. Shen said: "The Nationalist government have not rescinded the port closure order enforced on August 24, 1949."

It meant that past interceptions of vessels by the Chinese Nationalist Navy could and would happen in future, as long as the port closure order remained in force, the spokesman added.

This port closure order said all vessels would be intercepted in Chinese territorial waters if they attempted to enter sea ports on the China mainland, north of the Min river estuary, in Fukien Province.

This order was supplemented by another one issued on February 12, 1950, and both were still in force, Dr. Shen said.

THE ORDER

The 1950 supplementary order read:

"The Nationalist government declared that, as of zero hour of February 12, 1950, in addition to portions of the continental coast with its ports already declared closed, that portion of the continental coast starting from the western boundary of Pienpoh district in Kwangtung Province—longitude 117 degrees 20 minutes east, latitude 21 degrees 30 minutes north—thence southward to the western boundary of Tungshing district in Kwangtung Province—107 degrees 47 minutes east, latitude 21 degrees 34 minutes north—including the ports of Kwangchowwan and Fakhai, was, with future notice, declared closed."

The spokesman did not define the exact demarcation line between "Chinese territorial waters" and "international waters."

MUST FIRST SIGNAL

Asked if the Nationalist navy would shell vessels encountered in areas near the closed ports, Dr. Shen said: "Our Navy have orders first to signal them to halt for investigation, but they would shell them only if they refuse."

He said the Nationalist Navy would not seize cargoes aboard the vessels, but would prevent them from entering Communist-controlled ports.

(Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek's port closure order virtually blockaded 1,000 miles of China coast, north of Foochow, at the mouth of the Min River, 400 miles northeast of Hongkong.)

(His supplementary closure order covers about 200 miles of coastline, mainly in the Tungkai Gulf, and virtually blockades the Chinese Communist-held Hainan Island. Kwangchowwan is the former French port Fort Bayard, on Luichow Peninsula.)—Reuter.

Attlee Declines Invitation

London, Feb. 18. Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour Opposition, tonight turned down an invitation from Winston Churchill to join in a party to mark the reform of the House of Lords.

Mr. Attlee told the Prime Minister that Labour's decision was based on the fact "that previous discussions in 1948 on this subject revealed a fundamental cleavage of opinion between the Labour and Conservative parties on what is the proper part to be played by the House of Lords as a second chamber under the Constitution."

Labour members of Parliament earlier decided their leader should decline the invitation—Reuter.



Threat To Bomb Oil Fields

Teheran, Feb. 18.

The government today threatened to bomb the great Khuzistan oil fields area in an effort to quash the tribal revolt which has gripped Southwestern Iran for the last six weeks.

Military planes dropped leaflets over the Masjed Suleiman district warning women and children to evacuate the area before the rebel forces there were bombed.

The bomb threat came as Abolghassem Bakhtiari, a cousin of Imrass Soraya and leader of the warring Bakhtiari tribesmen, announced that he was ready to negotiate for peace.

He made the announcement after a government relief column had scattered one group of rebels in the Zagros Mountains east of the oil fields and reoccupied the fort of Zarra.

CEASEFIRE CONDITION

Government envoys were rushed from Teheran to the South to open peace parleys with Abolghassem at Lari, near Masjed Suleiman. The rebel chief insisted on a ceasefire, however, as a condition for opening negotiations.

Meanwhile, clashes between other rebels and troops were continuing in the Godar Landar district, location of the government oil company's power and water station for Masjed Suleiman. Masjed Suleiman, site of Iran's first oil well, is primarily a pumping station for pipelines to the world's largest refinery at Abadan, but there are also a number of wells still in operation in the area.

Although press reports said 200 troops had been killed in the fighting, official sources placed the government dead at 60 and tribesmen at about 400.—United Press.

Tides Burst Dyke

Brussels, Feb. 18. Evacuation of 900 residents of the village of Weert was ordered on Wednesday as spring tides burst through the dyke of the Scheldt River town.

Authorities said 170 houses in Weert, south of Antwerp, were in danger of collapsing.

The situation is once again critical in the region south of Antwerp which was devastated by heavy floods two weeks ago.—Associated Press.

RUSSIA'S AID OFFER

London, Feb. 18. Russia was one of the 10 countries which made an offer of help for British flood victims, the British Foreign Office announced today.

It was understood Russia has offered to collect funds in the Soviet Union.

The 10 nations are: Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia, the Lebanon, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Siam, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States and the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

After The Floods Came The Blizzard

Great gales, even worse than those of the flood disaster, swept Britain last week. With them came snow and many places in the north had drifts up to 12 feet deep. Picture shows duffle-coated men battling their way through the snow to a lorry trapped by the blizzard—Manchester road.

Peking Agrees To Repatriation Of Japanese

London, Feb. 18.

The New China News Agency reported today that the Chinese Red Cross Society had agreed to allow Japanese nationals wishing to return to their country to take their belongings with them.

The agreement was reached at talks between a Japanese delegation headed by Tadatsugu Shimizu and a Chinese delegation headed by Liao Cheng Chih. Other members of the Japanese delegation included Gikaro Hirano, Tomi Kora, Kanzo Uchiyama, Tadao Kudo, Masaharu Hatanaka and Toshio Kashima.

According to the Agency, Liao Cheng Chih told the Japanese delegation that "but for the blockade and obstruction by American imperialists and the Yoshida government, all Japanese residents who wish to return to their own country would long have had the opportunity of doing so."

"SO-CALLED TREATY"

Liao said: "The present Yoshida Government of Japan is trying to revive Japanese militarism and, in carrying out the dictates of American imperialism, has concluded a so-called 'Sino-Japanese peace treaty' with the reactionary rōmmei Chiang Kai-shek gang in Taiwan who have been rejected by all the Chinese people. As a result of the hostility of the Yoshida government towards the People's Republic of China, to this day a state of war between China and Japan has not yet been ended, so that peace in the Far East and the rest of the world is threatened. The Chinese people are firmly opposed to this."

We regard all the peace-loving people of Japan as our friends, and a distinction between them and the Yoshida government," Liao said.

He added: "The purpose of the Red Cross Society of China in welcoming the Japanese delegation to Peking was to discuss questions concerning arrangements for the repatriation of Japanese nationals who wish to return home and to solve other specific problems related thereto."

"However, according to information from Japan, some people there are describing our assistance to the Japanese who wish to go home as 'repatriation'. This was incorrect and contrary to facts"—Reuter.

'Industrial Siege' Urged By Paper

Madrid, Feb. 18.

The Falange newspaper, Arriba, today urged Spain to lay an "industrial siege" to Gibraltar by setting up industries in Spanish territory bordering the British naval base.—Reuter.

CANADA'S NEW JET FIGHTER

Trenton, Feb. 18.

The Royal Canadian Air Force said today it has a new jet fighter armed with 60 radar-aimed rockets—more than twice as many as any US plane is known to carry.

Any one of the rockets, the RCAF said, can bring down an enemy bomber, and it is expected future models will have as many as 100.

The new US Lockheed F-94C Starfire carries only 24 rockets. The plane, the Mark IV version of the CF-100 jet, is a "much improved" model of an earlier Canadian aircraft which was armed with six 50-calibre machine guns.

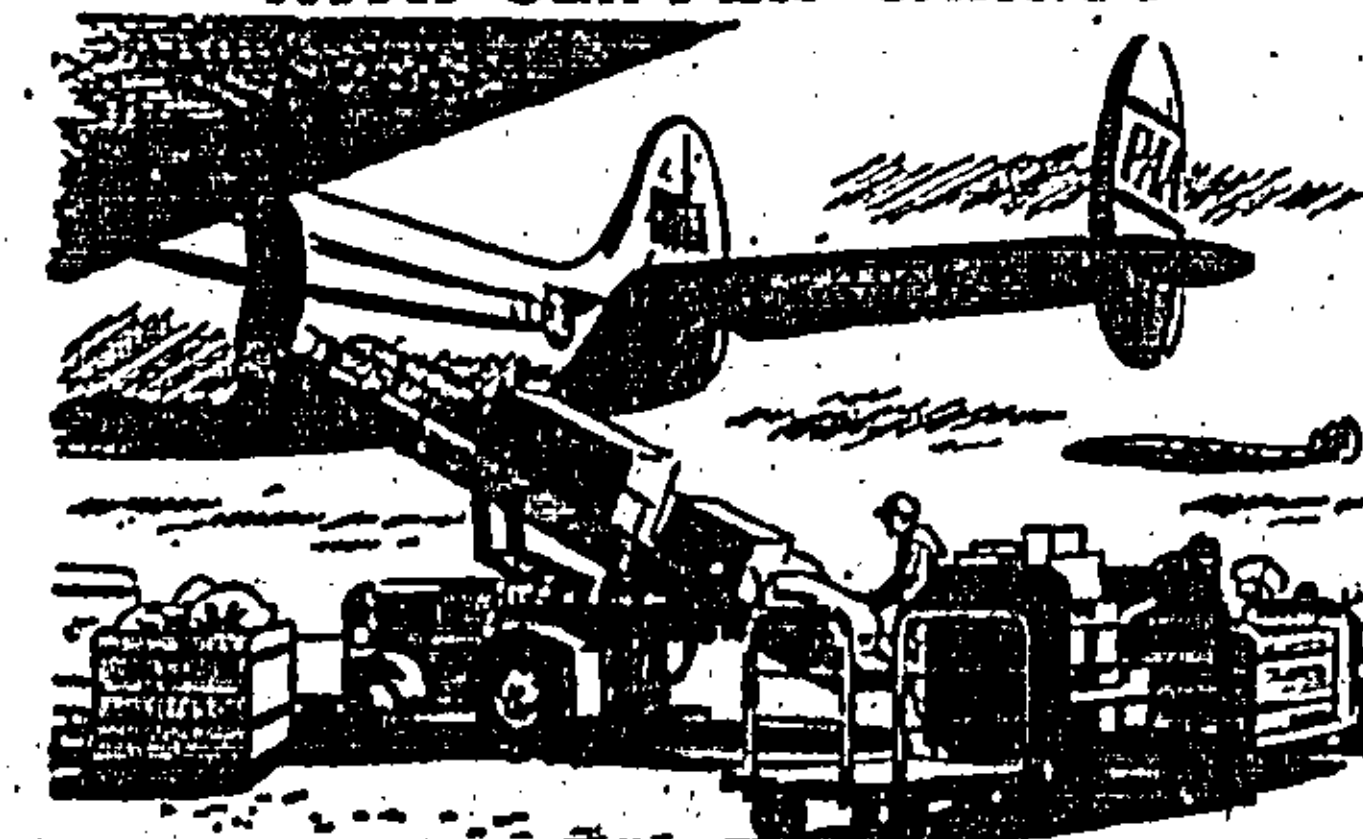
Automatic controls aim the rockets once the plane picks up its target and there is a "high ratio" of hits for the amount of ammunition expended, experts said.

The test plane, which was tried out on the RCAF ranges southwest of here, is the only model now in existence but it is expected to be in mass production by late summer. It was designed and built by Avro Canada Limited.

US-built rockets 2.75 inches in diameter reportedly were used in the test firing. Future Mark IV's will be equipped with Canadian-made rockets, sources said.—Associated Press.

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Balkan Talks

Athens, Feb. 18. Talks will begin tomorrow to draft a political agreement between Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey, the Greek Foreign Office announced tonight.

A Foreign Office spokesman said representatives of the three countries would meet here.—Reuter.

ORADOUR
GENERAL

"WANTED"

Extradition Demand
To Britain

London, Feb. 18. The Foreign Office said tonight that a competent British judge in the British Zone of Germany would be asked to examine France's case for the extradition of ex-General Bernhard Lammerting.

Lammerting was the Commander of the German division which destroyed the French village of Oradour in 1944.

The Prime Minister of France, M. Rene Mayer, made a personal appeal to the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, for Lammerting's extradition when he called on Mr. Churchill in London last week.

The Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that Mr. Eden told the French Minister, M. Georges Bidault, in a letter that the normal procedure in the extradition cases was being applied in Lammerting's case.

He added: "Under this procedure, arrest can only be made on a warrant by a British Zone judge and after production of definite evidence that the wanted man has committed murder within the meaning of the German criminal code."

"The procedure also provides that any arrested person must be charged within 48 hours and brought before an extradition tribunal within 14 days," the spokesman said.

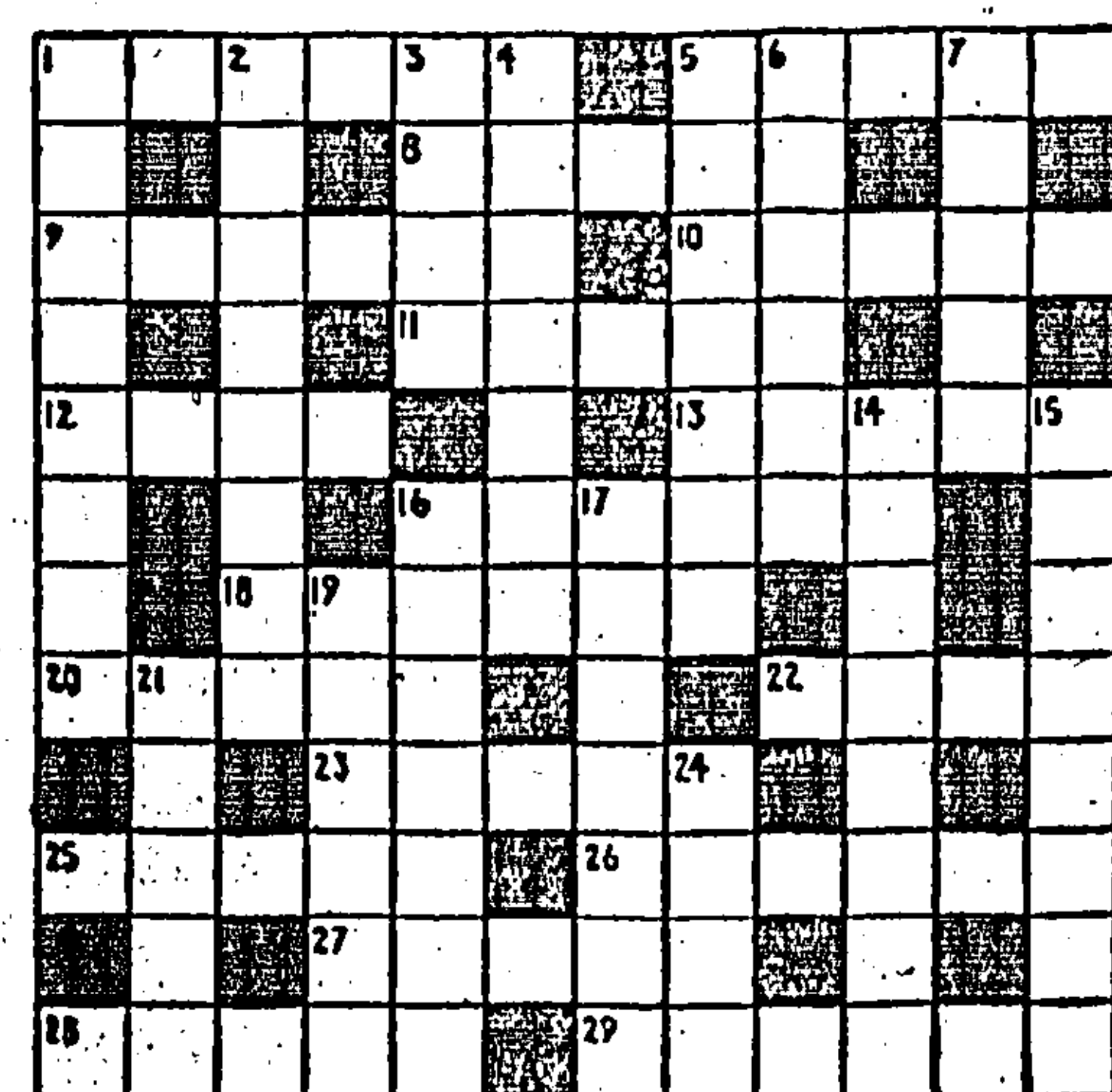
"The evidence against Lammerting was furnished to the British authorities in Germany by the French authorities on February 11. The dossier has been examined and the next step in the procedure is that the evidence will be placed before a competent judge."—Reuter.

Architect's Son A
Fugitive

Berlin, Feb. 18. The son of the architect who drafted plans for the construction of "Stalin Alley"—the first Socialist artery in Berlin—has sought asylum in West Berlin, the British-licensed "Telegraf" reported today.

The 17-year old, Michael Rensel, refused to work in the Saxony uranium mines as requested by his father, the paper said.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Property.
 - Blue.
 - Stage show.
 - African meal.
 - Smears.
 - Danger.
 - Idle.
 - Trunk.
 - Distant.
 - Chief.
 - Fancy.
 - Appearance.
 - Disfigure.
 - Allotment.
 - Plaid.
 - Went astray.
 - Core.
 - Exclamation.
- DOWN**
- Horrid.
 - Friend.
 - Excursion.
 - Withdraw from.
 - Accountant.
 - Enthusiast.
 - Puzzle.
 - Record.
 - Artillery.
 - Confederation.
 - Deserved.
 - Festival.
 - Itinerary.
 - Put cargo on board.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Carass, 5. Ingot, 8. Team, 9. Seltzer, 11. Pylon, 12. Slipper, 14. Weld, 16. Spruce, 18. Abnase, 19. Ashy, 20. Seaman, 24. Adieu, 25. Relent, 26. Rime, 27. Eagle, 28. Blotch, 29. Dement, 30. Rats, 31. Stain, 32. Scorpions, 33. Impress, 34. Gallery, 35. Tangled, 36. Tires, 37. Redline, 38. Wasting, 39. Leisure, 40. Phil, 41. Alarm, 42. Mock, 43. Nox, 44. Fish.

"Wiima" Said
To Be In
British Waters

Singapore, Feb. 18.

For the first time since the Wiima's arrival "outside Singapore" the Police authorities confirmed that the vessel is inside Singapore territorial waters.

A ship-chandler, accompanied by a reporter, attempted to reach the vessel today but were thwarted by the Police when the small speed-boat carrying them and 200 lbs. of vegetables, fish and provisions was already alongside the Wiima.

The vegetables and provisions were allowed to be taken up the Wiima but the speed-boat and its passengers were escorted back to Marina Police Headquarters after nearly four-hours' detention beside the Wiima.

Today's attempt to reach the Wiima was the third by a ship-chandler who had received several radiograms in the last two days from Captain Meriman, master of the vessel, ordering brass pipes, vegetables, fish and provisions plus a foreman to repair a telescopic pipe.

All attempts to get a commercial boat failed, and the ship-chandler's only alternative was to procure a privately-owned unlicensed speed-boat.

At Marina Police Headquarters a spokesman explained that orders from the "higher authorities" had been handed down that no one was allowed to board the Wiima.

Challenged for a clarification of the law, the spokesman said that the Wiima had not yet been cleared by the Immigration and Customs authorities or by the Health section and therefore could not be boarded.

CONTRADICTIONS

The spokesman added, however, that the Wiima would not be cleared because she was outside the port limits.

Officials of the Customs, Immigration and Police are still contradicting each other on the jurisdiction of the area where the Wiima is anchored. Port officials have been saying in the past week that the Wiima is "outside Singapore," but the Police today produced maps to prove that the vessel is inside territorial waters. Early half an hour later a High Special Branch official contradicted the point by saying that the Wiima is "outside" territorial waters.

The ship-chandler and the reporter were released unconditionally after interrogation at the Marina Police Headquarters but the interrogator warned them that from now on no boat would be allowed to approach the Wiima, that no one would be allowed on board and that no provisions could be sent. He said that every port regulation of the Colony would be enforced to make this ban effective.

The same spokesman said that at first the Police had been sending out routine patrols to the Wiima but that since Tuesday a higher authority had

Nazi War
Criminal
Released

Bonn, Feb. 18. The U.S. High Commission announced today that former German Field-Marshal Gerd von Kuechler has been released from the American war crimes prison at Landsberg on medical parole.

Kuechler, now 72, suffered a severe heart attack about 10 days ago and has been confined in the prison hospital since, the announcement said.

In 1940, he commanded the 18th German Army which invaded the Netherlands. Later he took a command on the Eastern front.

He was originally sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, along with five other defendants charged with personal responsibility for ordering the killing and mistreatment of prisoners of war and ordering the deportation and abuse of civilians in occupied areas.

In 1951, John J. McCloy, then U.S. High Commissioner, reduced Kuechler's term to 12 years.

Kuechler is one of three senior officers released by the Americans in the last two months. The others are former Field-Marshal Wilhelm List and former General Walter Kuntze. They, too, were given medical paroles.

—Associated Press.

Not Optimistic

London, Feb. 18. Ireland today replied to the latest British note on the fisheries dispute, a Foreign Office spokesman said tonight.

He refused to disclose the contents of the note but said that the contents were not optimistic about the possibility of Ireland agreeing to Britain's proposals.

King Hussein
Ends Course

King Hussein of Jordan (right), pictured on the steps of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, with the Chief of Imperial General Staff, General Sir John Harding after the Scerif's Parade, when the King passed out as a commissioned officer after his course.—Central Press Photo.

"Shoot To Kill"
Orders Issued
On Bornholm

Copenhagen, Feb. 18.

The Commandant of Almegaard Camp on Bornholm island, issued "shoot to kill" orders to guards today if any attempt was made to break into the arms and ammunition store there.

Government circles here felt, however, that Colonel S. C. Traget, Commander at the Camp, was taking unnecessarily strong security measures. Since the strikes there had never been any sign that an armed uprising was planned.

The Colonel issued his orders to rifle-equipped troops patrolling the Camp, one of a number of bases where soldiers had gone off duty and had protested against the extension of the period of military service from 12 to 18 months.

The Police in the little town of Toender announced, meanwhile, that three students from the Teachers' Training College there, had been arrested for passing out anti-conscription propaganda leaflets to soldiers and who admitted that they

Education
Problems
In S'pore

London, Feb. 18.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, was asked in the House of Commons today if he knew that an expulsion order was recently given to 400 students of the Singapore People's Education Association at Raffles Institute.

Mr. Stanley Aulberry, Labour, who put the question, asked if the Minister would call for a report.

Mr. Lyttelton replied that the Governor of Singapore had reported as follows:

"The People's Education Association was provided with accommodation in the Raffles Institution for approximately 160 students attending evening classes in 1952.

"A greatly increased number of persons presented themselves for enrolment in 1953 and conducted themselves in a manner which disturbed the other evening classes being held on the premises.

"The headmaster then felt himself compelled to withdraw the facilities enjoyed by the Association in 1952.

"The Association had now been offered accommodation for the enlarged number of students in various schools including the Raffles Institution."

FOR CHINESE

Mr. Aulberry then asked how many students were accepted into the University of Malaya last year; how many were trained abroad because the university was unable to accept them; and what was being done to provide university for the Chinese section of the community.

Mr. Lyttelton replied: "A total of 102 new students was admitted to the University of Malaya in 1952. In addition 43 students were admitted to honours courses."

"I cannot answer the second part of the question because there are many other reasons which may have influenced inward students in choosing to study abroad."

"The University of Malaya is available for Chinese as for any other section of the community and in fact more than half the students last year were Chinese."

Defence Liaison
In Far
EastAgreement Said
To Be Near

Paris, Feb. 18.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that the United States, Britain and France were close to agreement on co-ordinating and building close liaison between their military commands in the Far East.

The purpose of the project, he said, was to improve the present shaky contacts between the Big Three armies in Korea, Indo-China and Malaya on matters of common interest like plans and intelligence.

The French official carefully emphasised that it did not mean "internationalism" or the funneling of outside troops into any of the localised conflicts.

Negotiations on the method to be employed—as yet undecided—was under way now in Washington.

"We are well on the way to an agreement," the official said, adding that it was impossible to tell exactly when an accord would be reached.

The official added that the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, had discussed the question with the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, during his recent Paris trip. The former Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, had also raised it during his December visit to the NATO Council.

The basic decision has already been taken, the official said, remains to work out the methods and the form the contacts will take."

He denied reports that the Big Three would take over the conduct of the bloody Indo-China stalemate.

The official said the fact that the new arrangements would be by-pass the NATO Standing Group did not mean that "France does not think that the Standing Group" should have a larger function than now, but there is no question of Indo-China alone being added to NATO responsibilities."

The French Government last September introduced a memorandum to NATO asking that the 14-nation alliance take over the global role in the cold war, but nothing ever came out of it.—United Press.

PACIFIC FACT

London, Feb. 18. The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill today, declined in the House of Commons to make a statement on the possible inclusion of Britain into the Pacific Pact.

A request to that effect was made to him by the Opposition. Mr. Churchill replied that discussion of a question settled by a previous government was not appropriate.—France-Press.

AUSTRIAN MAYOR
ARRESTED

Vienna, Feb. 18.

An Austrian Socialist mayor has been arrested by the Soviet authorities.

The Mayor of Lanzendorf was called to the Soviet Commandantur and arrested on charges of "sabotage" because he refused to set up at the expense of his town a propaganda panel for the German language daily organ of the Soviet Information Service.—France-Press.

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& 9.30 P.M.



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29. T. Affair in Trinidad
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31. The Gangster
32. W. With a Song in My Heart
33. S. — do —

"Ike" Stalin
Meeting
Advocated

Los Angeles, Feb. 18. Louis W. Douglas, former U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, thinks a meeting between President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Premier Stalin might help prevent World War III.

Addressing an American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers dinner last night, Mr. Douglas said: "We are not getting anywhere through normal diplomatic channels or through the United Nations."

"The absence of communications between these two great centres of world power is a very real danger to peace."

"Meanwhile, the rearming race goes on and there is danger of ultimately creating an environment out of which only war can come."—Associated Press.

SCIENTIST'S
CLAIM

Madrid, Feb. 18.

A mild, bespectacled German scientist today announced "a great step forward in the fight against cancer."

Spanish cancer specialists called the German's work "interesting." But they said considerably more study is necessary.

Dr. Walter Kuhlmeier, 53, of the Berlin Faculty recently working at Oldenburg, lectured to the Spanish Cancer Institute on Tuesday on 50 "hopeless" cases he treated here.

He later amplified the lecture in an interview with the Associated Press.

Ninety per cent of those treated showed an improvement, although some later died.

The doctor said he refused to say what his treatment is, other than that "a group of substances," which he calls C and T, are injected intramuscularly.

Dr. Kuhlmeier said his treatment should be used together with normal shock or radium treatment.—Associated Press.

European
Countries
Accused"Legal Leaks" Of
War Materials

Washington, Feb. 18.

Democratic Representative Laurie Battle, said today that European nations had not been willing to make the economic sacrifice needed to plug the "leakage" of strategic materials to Russia.

Mr. Battle, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said that unless they clamped down on such shipments through Europe's "free ports," he would seek to amend United States foreign aid legislation to make them do so.

Mr. Battle is the author of a law which calls for the cutting of all United States aid to any nation which sends war or atomic materials to Iron Curtain countries.

Despite the law, Mr. Battle said in a speech prepared for House delivery, war material was flowing to Russia through several "legal leaks."

"Shipments of strategic items can move constantly to Iron Curtain countries as transit trade through the free ports of our Allies... without interference," Mr. Battle said.

"Free ports, by international agreement, may handle shipments without regard to any national barriers such as Customs."

He added: "Trade through free ports like Hamburg, Copenhagen, Antwerp and Amsterdam furnishes the easiest avenue to Russia for smugglers and users of fake documents from all parts of the world."

"Our Allies on the continent of Europe," he said, "have not been willing to make the economic sacrifice which is necessary to halt such trade."—United Press.

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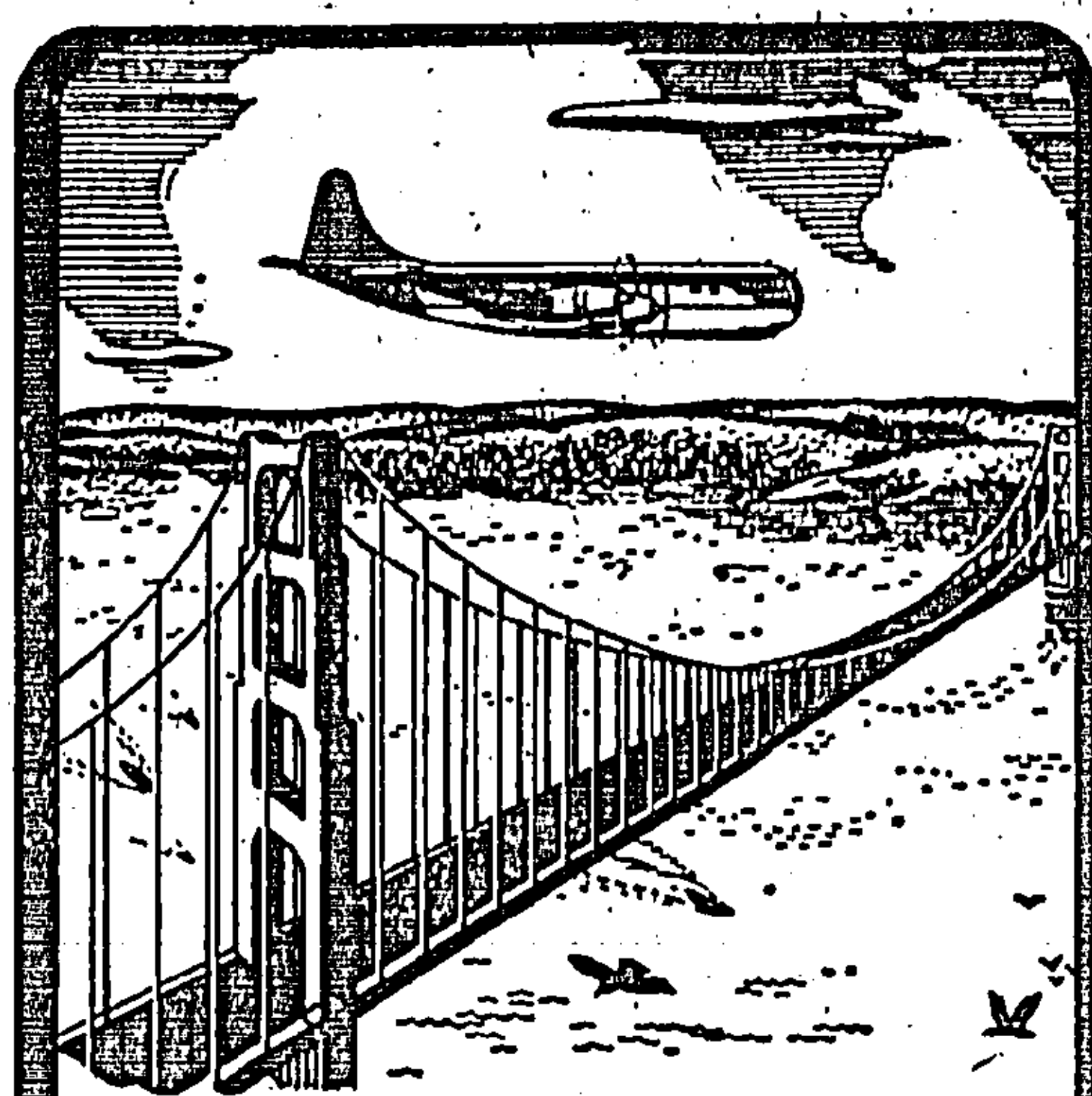
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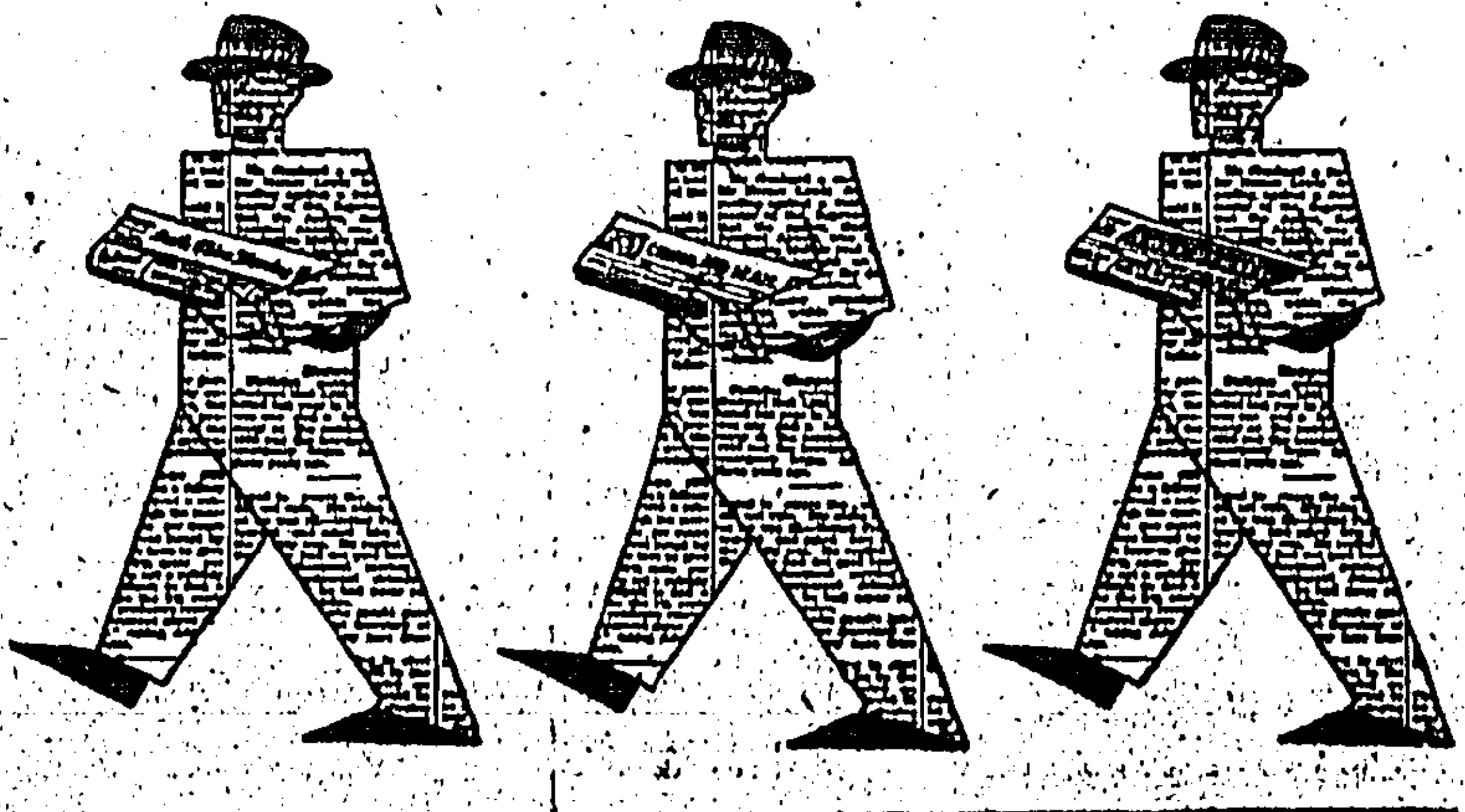
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Gas For A Continent

By DAVID DIVINE

THE flames still burn night and day in that area of the Middle East where, the Bible tells us, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were saved from the fiery furnace.

British airmen in World War Two used them as a night mark in their desert flights. They burn because they are fed inexhaustibly from the oil depths of the Middle Eastern underworld.

On those same gases that feed the ever-burning furnace the people of many European countries may, within this generation, be cooking their meals.

For expert technicians are already in the planning stage of a scheme to harness this natural source of power to the needs of industrial Europe.

What they propose is a pipeline, 2,500 miles long, from Kirkuk, in the great oilfields of Iraq, to Paris—a pipe-line thirty-six inches in diameter, with 15 pumping stations, which will drive the waste gases of the oilfields across Turkey, under the Bosphorus, across Greece, through Yugoslavia and Northern Italy, over the Brenner Pass into Germany and down over the lowlands of Europe into Paris.

Feeder lines—none of them need be more than 300 miles long—will carry the gas from the main pipe-line to all the principal centres of European population. In this way 330,000,000 people could be given good, permanent and cheap fuel in perpetuity.

ECONOMIC

The scheme has been developed by the Bechtel International Corporation of San Francisco. Bechtel specialises in long-distance pipe-line construction. They have played an important part in the great oil projects of the Middle East. Their technicians, among the most experienced in the world, have carried out a preliminary survey, and find that the project is not only possible from an engineering point of view but economically feasible.

Today hundreds of millions of cubic feet of gas are burned every 24 hours in the disposal flares of the oilfields—burned as a nuisance, as a waste product.

Today the average consumption of gas per person in Europe is only five cubic feet a day. Of that amount much the greater part is not natural gas but manufactured gas, made from solid fuels at very considerable expense.

Today in the United States consumption, very largely of natural gas from the oilfields of the States, is more than 77 cubic feet per head.

This is not gas merely for cooking or for heating water. It is gas for all the complicated processes of the 20th century world.

Gas for driving engines for industrial processes, for power production, above all for the petro-chemical industry. Europe could have it, too.

HALF PRICE

The total investment necessary for stage 1 of the experiment—a single pipe-line delivering 500 million cubic feet of gas per day—has been estimated at \$425,000,000. For stage 2 (incorporating a second pipe-line) a further \$350,000,000 would be needed.

And according to the calculation of the Bechtel engineers the ultimate cost would range from just below one-half of that of solid fuels—coal and coke—to a maximum of five-sevenths. They reckon they could get the gas to Paris at one-half the price of that delivered from the gas works of the French capital. From Paris to London is 216 miles. From London the whole of the main industrial areas of

Britain are within four hundred miles. There are no technical difficulties in the way of an extension of the scheme. Two pumping stations would take care of the extra mileage.

As more centres of population come to draw their supplies this way the pipe-lines would have to be doubled. But Bechtel estimate that two main feeders starting from the oilfields at 30 inches in diameter and diminishing eventually to 22 inches would look after Europe. The most likely difficulty would be one of politics.

Bechtel's planned line crosses the Greek border into Tito's country somewhere above Salonika. Would Tito co-operate?

THE SUDAN PACT

Fulfilment Of A Pledge

By PATRICK MAITLAND, MP

London. Mr Jefferson Caffery, United States Ambassador to Cairo and a bold and colourful figure, will probably have concluded his diplomatic career with the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian pact on the Sudan. For his early transfer, if not total retirement, by the Republican Administration, is generally forecast. He was sent to Cairo by President Truman after being Ambassador in Paris.

During his several years in Cairo Mr Caffery has been one of the architects of growing American interest, and even intervention, in the affairs of the Middle East. If these have not always been helpful to British policy, they have been of resource and, in the last critical phase of British negotiations with General Naguib, he has fully redeemed his reputation.

For he has exerted substantial pressure on the Egyptian Premier to give way on important points in respect of British reservations about his own part with the Sudanese political leaders. This pact set out the terms on which all parties will join in prompt elections to a national assembly.

Mr Caffery persuaded the American Government to invite to Washington, and then General Naguib to send, a delegation headed by one of the Egyptian leaders, the right of the Egyptian pact is in force.

One strategic consideration has greatly strengthened the official British argument that the accord represents a wise bargain. There is no secret that the last few weeks of the Cairo conversation has been the progressive swing of Sudanese opinion. With increasing force, it has been argued in Khartoum that since there is at least an Egyptian Government willing to concede the right of the Sudanese to determine their future for themselves, this choice should at once be exploited and the constitutional preparations made for exercising it.

On the official British argument, the conclusion of a pact with General Naguib not only means honourable fulfilment of a pledge of free choice to the Sudanese, but an adroit move to influence that choice toward the Sudan's independence. The Sudan is bounded by the Red Sea—open to the strong influence of British sea power—Ethiopia, with an 800 miles border, Kenya, Uganda, and French Equatorial Africa. The major geographical and political influence is certain, therefore, to remain British or friendly to Britain.

Officially, there has been no mention of the Canal Zone bases in the Sudan conversations. That may be true technically. But it is clear for the Foreign Office now to start denying that there have

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



Now you know we have to be terribly, terribly careful to avoid controversy so on page 36, instead of "yellow-bellied Communist" shall we say "off-white radical"?

★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

IKE CRACKS THE WHIP AS THEY 'TAKE A CHANCE ON FREEDOM'

New York, Tuesday. A SHOWER of pink dismissal slips falls from the Washington sky. There is a crash, as wage and price controls are flung off like chains.

Almost every day there is a spectacular announcement from the Eisenhower Administration, and the pace gets hotter as the atmosphere gets chillier.

I passed through Washington the other day and it seemed to me that my friends in minor Government jobs were apprehensive. They were obviously expecting something to fall—probably their heads.

They told me the life is real, earnest, and rather awful since economy and efficiency in capital letters came to the capital.

No smoking by clerks, typists, secretaries at their desks; no tipping out for coffee or Coca-Cola, no Martini before lunch, no time-wasting social hobnobbing during office hours, even by high officials.

On the job at 9 a.m., and preferably at 8.30, and a full day's work until 5.30 or 6 p.m. The departmental edicts fall like a heavy rain, and there are some signs for the good old days of good old Harry.

NEW POLICY HITS 'SOCIETY'

GENERAL Eisenhower promised action during his election campaign, and he is delivering. Two thousand Government employees have been fired and more are slated for the sack.

Controls, restrictions, price ceilings, wage curbs are being ditched and junked wholesale by the Republican broom-wielders. Is there any direction and purpose in this outbreak of furious energy? The Republicans say "Yes," and suggest the slogan "Take a chance on freedom."

It is Eisenhower policy to get America back to a system of the freest of free enterprise, laissez-faire, and non-interference with business. The clerks and the typists would like a little freedom and less interference themselves, but they aren't considered business.)

It will be interesting to see how it all works out. "Take a chance on freedom" . . . Only the results can show if the chance was worth taking. The gloomiest people in the sober and sombre capital city are

the social gadabouts and hostesses. Mrs Gwendolyn Cafritz, the great party-giver who lined up the lions at her lavish receptions, now cannot snuff a Cabinet Minister.

Vice-President Richard Nixon has turned down a party in his honour, the Cabinet by-passes the social circuit, the Supreme Court Justices are busy with their law books. Austerity has come to boom-town.

There are no signs yet that New York has been affected by the storm measures unleashed in Washington. We are still smoking at our desks, wandering out for coffee and Coca-Cola, sipping a cocktail before lunch, passing the time of day with office neighbours, giving and attending parties, but I feel these things are numbered. There is a bleakness in the air. Better give up coffee, cigarettes, and Coca-Cola. Better become a lifelong teetotaler. Tomorrow may be too late.

WALL STREET IS CAUTIOUS

I AM surprised that in Wall Street, where they should be dancing as business is untested, there is no rejoicing. The controls are off, the skyscraper's limit, but the brokers shuffle about uncertainly.

In fact, since President Eisenhower swept his sceptre and said the barriers were down, the stocks have gone down. The decline during the past few days has been the worst since last October, when that sinister foe of free economy Harry Truman was still running the country.

I asked a broker friend to explain the paradox. He said: "We feel things are being rushed a bit. Possibly a little precipitate at home and abroad. New ideas are admirable, but not, ahem, by main force. We are a cautious little group down here."

I asked the owner of a general store if the lifting of controls on meat, clothing, furniture, restaurant meals, drinks, and many other items had any noticeable result.

"Not much," he said. "Some of my people have asked for wage increases, but there has been no making up of prices. Meat, in fact, is cheaper than it was two months ago. The unions are muttering about strikes, but it's too soon to tell. Almost everyone feels that Eisenhower has started out well. He's only doing what he promised to do."

CITY AWAITS A CLEAN-UP

THERE is one vast enterprise that seems to be unaffected by whatever happens in the

White House, and that is the government of New York City. Whether a Roosevelt, a Truman, or an Eisenhower is President, New York, the fabulous, falls deeper and deeper into debt.

300th birthday celebration turned out to be a wake, and Governor Dewey, instead of offering congratulations, shouted some stern words, demanding efficiency and economy (those words again).

The simple truth is that since LaGuardia New York has not had good government.

Month after month the deficits mount, the taxes increase, the transportation system, out of date and out of order, gets worse and loses more money, and the corruption increases. The city's finances are in such a hopeless state and the standard of official morality so low that the heads of the Churches have called upon the people to take action against civic corruption and incompetence.

More outspoken publicists have described the city as suffering "from government by slob."

Perhaps when President Eisenhower has the time he will come and clean up New York after cleaning the capital.

The big local diversion at the moment is the safe society vice trial of Minot (Mickey) Jelke.

Everyone except the Simple Simons who paid out the cash, and Mr Jelke himself, is relishing the trial, which is occupying more space and attention here than Fomosa.

The influenza epidemic, however, may hold up the proceedings. The city has been coughing and spluttering for weeks now and almost everyone has been stricken in varying degrees.

WHAT'S ON DOWN BROADWAY

THIS epidemic has shrunk audiences at the cinema and theatres, but there are four openings, including "The Emperor's Clothes," by George Tabori, who worked in Fleet Street.

The biggest event will be when "John Brown's Body," with Tyrone Power, Raymond Massey, and Judith Anderson, opens.

"Touchstone," an earnest drama by William Stucky, closed after seven performances. Marc Connelly, who wrote "Green Pastures," has completed "There Are Two Points," and Hugh Beaumont will probably produce the play in London this year.

Rosaland Russell is due in Broadway musical "Wonderful Town," towards the end of the month.

Vultures Come Home To Roost

By Hugo Dewar

IN October 1949 the Norwegian Communist newspaper *Friheten* reported the expulsion of the veteran Party leader Peder Furbotn. The report said that there had been two factions struggling for leadership of the Norwegian Party; that led by Furbotn had been condemned at a Party conference, but, notwithstanding, Furbotn had continued, and even intensified, his factional activities.

One of those most prominent in the attack on Furbotn was Strand Johansen, a former member of the Norwegian Parliament. He alleged that Furbotn was "the greatest criminal in history" and accused him of being connected with the American Secret Service and of having plotted to murder Johansen, "by supplying me with a car without brakes."

There was a curious sequel to this: shortly after Furbotn's expulsion Strand Johansen was taken for observation to the psychiatric ward of the Ullevål Hospital, Oslo.

This incident in the inner life of the Norwegian Party seems remote from the Prague trials of November, 1952, when 11 of 14 leading Communists were condemned to execution and the remainder to life imprisonment. Yet the strife within the Norwegian Party called forth the same

language, the same accusations—including that of attempted murder—as was employed in the Prague trials. Who can doubt that if the Norwegian Party had been in power Furbotn would not merely have been expelled, but arrested. He would then have confessed to being a spy for "Anglo-American imperialism," to organising a "hostile, Trotskyist, Titoist, bourgeois-nationalist group within the Party," and the charge of attempting murder emanating from the deranged mind of Johansen would have formed part of the indictment against him and his supporters. Who can doubt the outcome?

Struggle For Power

The Norwegian affair and the rift in the French Party underline the fact that in all the Communist parties there exists a constant struggle for personal power. It may be argued that this can be seen in other political parties, but normal political rivalries cannot compare with the ferocity with which the Stalinists settle their differences.

The struggle for power within the Communist parties, however, does not of itself explain the depths to which it sinks. For explanation one must refer to the policy of the Soviet Government.

The keynote of all the trials in the satellites is always "disloyalty to the Soviet Union." This is the clue essential to understanding. Just as the

technique of the trials, and of the "investigations" preliminary to them, is the same as that of the Moscow trials of 1936-38, so their purpose is the same. In the Russian trials Stalin and his faction removed all actual and potential opposition within the Soviet Communist Party. The Moscow trials not only destroyed the Bolshevik Old Guard; they also covered them with infamy, made them scapegoats for all the evils of the regime, and terrorised into quiescence any malcontents who might have escaped the G.P.U. dragnet.

When Stalin's henchmen took power in the Eastern European countries this process had to be repeated. Even without Tito's defection it would have been so. After the "liquidation" of the non-Communist parties and organisations the Stalinist vultures came home to roost—on the corpses of their own comrades.

Once one recognises this law of Stalinist politics one ceases to speculate why this and not that particular leader should have been sacrificed. One also ceases to look in the Marxist textbooks for an explanation of Russian policy—for the only guiding principle is that political expediency is at all times decisive.

Only one Communist party has taken power without the subsequent wholesale elimination of leading personalities and it escaped only because it had ceased to be a Stalinist party. The Yugoslav party is the exception that proves the rule. Had Tito continued to be subservient to Moscow he would have been forced to sacrifice not only Velebit but also the entire Communist party in the satellite States that had not taken similar measures to ally the suspicions of the Soviet Government.

One prophecy can safely be made—the list is not yet closed.

will of their own, the "little Stalin" content with the trappings of power without its substance. The purge of Communist leaders in Albania, Rumania, Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia can have no other explanation.

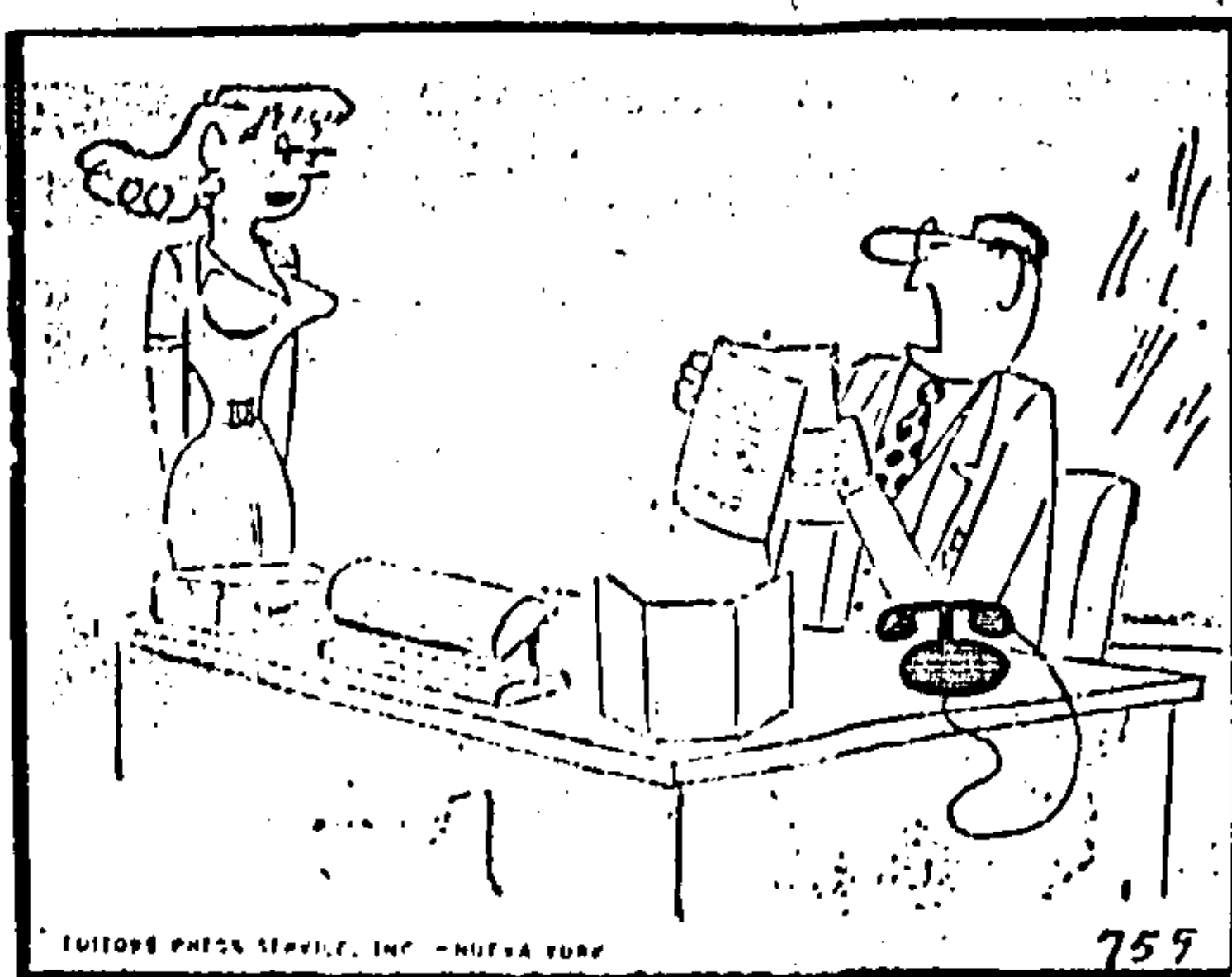
In spite, therefore, of the instructive nature of the side-issues revealed by the export of the Moscow confessional trial to Eastern Europe, they remain side-issues. Thus, the rage of anti-Semitism by the stage managers of the Prague trial was not necessary to the main purpose; it was mere propaganda trimming, just as was the favour of anti-Semitism in the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty and the play about anti-German nationalist prejudices in the trial of Tito. It is expedient to emphasise that some of the accused are not only "bourgeois" but Jewish, then the emphasis will be given. But the main thing is to demonstrate one's utter devotion to Stalin, by whose mercy one lives and has one's being.

In A Nur-hell

The Bulgarian Communist Kolarov (since deceased) put the matter in a nutshell: "The measures adopted against Traicho Kostov by the Central Committee . . . have dispelled the last suspicions of the All-Union Communist Party with regard to our Party and its leadership." The All-Union Communist Party is the name given to the Russian Party, but what Kolarov was really referring to was, obviously, the Russian Government.

Kostov was hanged, just as the eleven in Prague were hanged. Velebit was not a single Communist party in the satellite States that had not taken similar measures to ally the suspicions of the Soviet Government.

One prophecy can safely be made—the list is not yet closed.



"Your spelling is improving, Miss Bankhead. I thought I recognised a couple of words in the last paragraph."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

IT was considered in Government circles that the Ministry of Bubble-blowing was taking an unpardonable risk when, last year, it sent C. Suet, Esq., to the Balkans to negotiate in a very delicate technical matter, which is still a secret.

But the story can now be told of how Suet's honesty, which his many enemies call stupidity, and his almost childish simplicity succeeded where a more subtle and worldly-wise official might well have failed.

The Triumph of Charlie Suet (I)

IN a room on the second floor of the Hotel Grosvenor in the town of Zupanska, Charlie Suet sat with an open brief-case beside him, and a letter of secret documents spread out in front of him. He had an idea that the walls were thick with concealed interior lines, or that the rooms on either side of him were occupied by Moschka Verashka and Kipenko respectively. He had

been aware of a very beautiful woman in the lift, and had lit a cigarette for her at her request. But he had never noticed what she read in spy stories. His lack of imagination was simply made up for by his attention to detail, which amounted almost to tomfoolery. As he sat studying the papers, with his forehead laid horizontally across his upper lip, he was the Suet of Zupanska, and the Balkan town might have been Tunbridge Wells, for all the notice he gave to it. Yet his arrival was known, and as he sat there he was being discussed at Secret Police headquarters and elsewhere.

'Culture' beckons

AS a passionate admirer of contemporary thought, it occurs to me that the next step should be the broadcasting of gramophone records and the dialogue of the television version of the film version of a play performed on live.

What is the Time, At Ely?
(Answer on Page Two)
A charming new game
(Mrs. Murdoch)

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

BORN today, you have a very active mind and one which is always jumping up something new or exciting—sometimes just to be different. You rarely, if ever, follow a conventional plan. You always have something much better in mind. Very often it does work out better. But there are times when your enthusiasm out-turns your common sense and you must guard against flights of fancy which just aren't workable. You have a talent for mechanics and might become an inventor. You would need a partner to help commercialise your ideas, for you have little business talent.

Still, you have a natural gift for being conservative and saving. You are never content without sufficient funds on which to live. But you may never live high! When times

are good, you can be as extravagant as you like. Yet when you need to pull in your belt, you can pull it in several notches and still be happy. You are a realist. You know how to put on a good show with penmanship. You have a deep love of home life and will be happy if you wed at the age you love, too long for you might be too light for the one who might easily fall in love at first sight. If you don't wed, you will never wed at all, and that would be a serious mistake for you could become an embittered and cynical.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

PIERCE (Feb. 20-Mar. 23)—Don't take offence at words said in a temper or in haste. Be ready to forgive a headstrong impulse.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—This can be the time for joining a group of friends who have similar hobbies. Have fun!

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are having budget troubles, seek advice from someone who knows more than you do about it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Aspects are not too favourable for a journey. Postpone it, if you possibly can, until a little later on.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Go easy on the budget. Don't strain the seams too much. You will probably want to spend, later.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't accept any opportunities today at face value. Be sure that you investigate all aspects of it carefully.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Visit someone who may be able to help you with your cheerful encouragement just now.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Invite relatives and friends to your home for a get-together. Celebrate an anniversary, perhaps.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Find escape from the doldrums in a good movie, perhaps. At least, change your mood to one of optimism.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—This can be an evening of pleasures at home. Enjoy yourself with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 23)—If you are having problems which better take a solve, take them up with the family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 24-Feb. 19)—Better take a hint at where you are going before you start off again. Balance assets and liabilities.

DUMB-BELLS



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THE THINKER SYNDICATE

INTELLIGENCE TEST

POMPONIAN ARITHMETIC

By T. O. HARE

Pomponia is one of those new States which doesn't want—as so many do—to resemble all the others, but likes to think it is different.

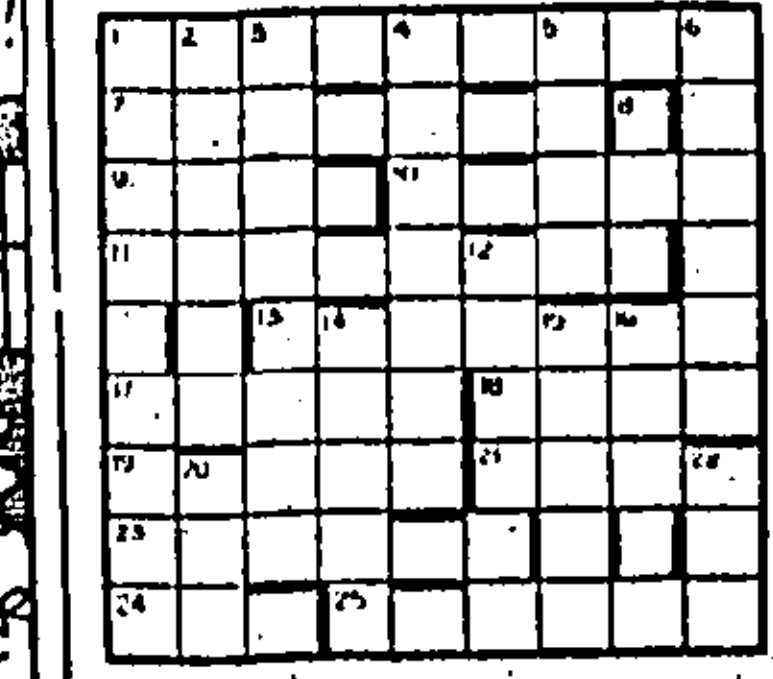
To this end, the Pomponian legislature have abolished the digit 3. No other digit has replaced it, but the remaining digits follow the same sequence as in our well-established decimal scale.

Here is a Pomponian subtraction sum:

What number (in Pomponian notation) has been subtracted from 467?

(Solution on Page 10)

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Utmost die as arranged. (9)
2. Ever tie to get free? (7)
3. Colourful. (5)
4. Subject in which Harry led. (8)
5. Indifferent to pain or pleasure. (7)
6. Starts to overflow. (4)
7. One relation takes tea with a reproach. (5)
8. To find a plant. (4)
9. Little enclosed street. Hear the whisper? (6)
10. Arranged in Dorset. (6)

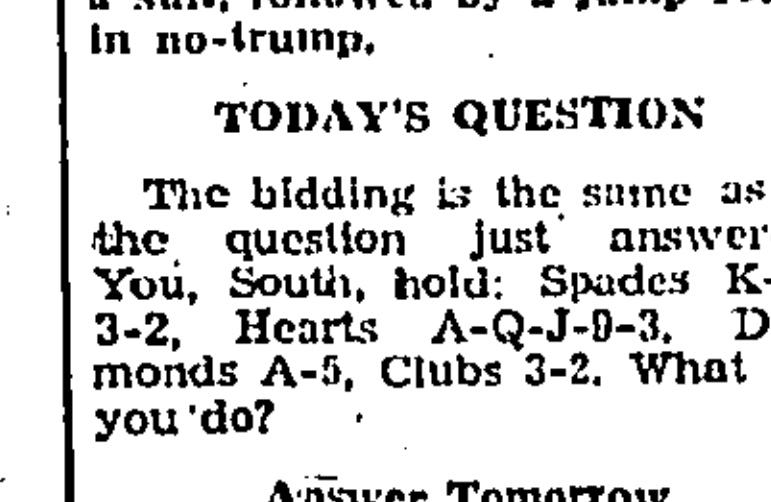
Down

1. Receptacle in worthless surroundings according to the poet. (6)
2. A splendid adjective. (8)
3. Overlook. (4)
4. Stereotype but no gate. (4)
5. Shows the N.O. with broken. (6)
6. Nothing to the ruler to do as he told. (4)
7. Lost of mind to wander into the doctor. (6)
8. By-pass? (5)
9. Abrupt. (5)
10. An old child. (3)
11. Command. (4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. AFRO

Black, 6 pieces



White, 6 pieces

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-K5, 1...Kt (K5)-B4;
2. P-K1, 1...Kt (K5)-B4;
3. Q-K1, 1...Kt (K5)-B4;
4. Kt-K5, 1...Kt (K5)-B4;
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6. P-K1, 1...Kt (K5)-B4;
7. Q-K1, 1...Kt (K5)-B4;
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Davis Scores His 500th Century Break

London, Feb. 18. Joe Davis achieved his ambition tonight of scoring his 500th century break at snooker. He had a run of 101 in his match against Jack Rea, the Irish Champion, to whom he is conceding 18 points in each frame of their match extending over 71 frames.

In the second game tonight Davis, who retired undefeated World Snooker Champion, but who continues to play in tournaments, took the first 14 red balls and an assortment of colours to complete his feat. — Reuter.

Crushing Win For Arsenal

London, Feb. 18. Arsenal, with a crushing win over Derby County by six goals to two, today got within a point of the Division I League leaders, Burnley, and have two games in hand.

Meanwhile Chelsea got away from bottom place in the table when after their exhausting cup exploits of last week they gained a very creditable draw on Wolverhampton Wanderers ground, leaving Manchester City at the foot of the table with Derby also below them.

Arsenal's win therefore was of great value to their fellow Londoners, Daniels, from penalties, Hollen and Lishman each scored twice in the Arsenal goal rush. — Reuter.

South Africans Ignore Chance For Victory

Adelaide, Feb. 18. The South African cricket touring team ignored a chance of a win over South Australia here today when they made no effort to score 313 runs in 253 minutes and the match ended in a draw.

South Australia who gained a first innings lead of one run by making 258 against the South Africans' 257, were dismissed for 311 in their second innings today. The South Africans then scored 194 for five wickets before stumps were drawn.

The touring team were given the benefit of a solid stand of 60 in 84 minutes by Gerald Innes and John Waite, but then South Australia's left-arm spin bowlers, Manning and Wilson took five wickets between them for the addition of only 28 runs.

The South Africans were then in danger of defeat but Russell Endean and Jack Cheetham made sure of a draw with an unfinished sixth wicket stand of 106 in two hours.

Sections of the crowd of about 2,000 barracked them unmercifully but they would not be hurried on a wicket which was taking rain, but too slowly to be difficult.

When stumps were drawn Cheetham had 52 not out and Endean 50 not out.

It was an inglorious finish for the South Africans but most of them were still feeling the effects of their strength sapping efforts in winning the fifth Test. — Reuter.

H.K. BISLEY MEETING

Forty teams took part in the third day of the Hongkong Bisley yesterday at the Kai Tak Range.

Yesterday's weather was not ideal for shooting with a northerly wind blowing during most of the shooting and poor light, but it was better than Tuesday's conditions.

The S.W. Lee Cup for team snaph at 200 yards was won by 94th Squadron, RAF Regiment, "A", with 32 hits, followed by 1st Royal Ulster Rifles "B" with 31 and 1st Wiltshire Regiment "A" with 30.

In the knock-out contest for the Falconer Cup, 1st Wiltshire Regiment "B" came first in a winning time of 30.2 seconds for 10 rounds running down from 300 yards to 200 and then shooting. HMS Tamar came second with 1st Wiltshire Regiment "A" third.

The first stage of the Sporting Arms Cup at 500 yards was completed yesterday with 1st Wiltshire Regiment "A" returning the best score of the day with 47 out of 50. This event will finish to-day when the contestants have to shoot at 600 yards.

The third day of the Eu Cup was also fired off. It will finish to-day.

The slide shows on the pistol range were well attended particularly on the 22 calibre rifle application.

Mottram And Ip Arrive In Saigon

Saigon, Feb. 18. Tony Mottram, British tennis player, and Ip Koon-hung of Hongkong, arrived this afternoon by air from Hongkong to participate in the Vietnam Lawn Tennis International Championships.

They were welcomed at the airport by leaders of the Vietnam Lawn Tennis Federation and Saigon sports delegates. — France-Press.

BLACKPOOL WIN

Southampton, Feb. 18. Blackpool fought back from being a goal behind to beat Southampton in their fifth round Cup replay here to-day by two goals to one. Blackpool now visit Arsenal, the favourites, in the quarter-final round on February 25.

Southampton, who had forced a draw on Blackpool last Saturday, soon showed up prominently and it was no real surprise when they took the lead in the 17th minute when Walker converted a left-wing pass from Hodkins.

The Blackpool goal had several narrow escapes before half-time and Southampton certainly deserved their lead.

Within four minutes of the restart, however, Blackpool had gone ahead. First Perry's shot was diverted off Horton's foot and then he helped the ball into the goal and then Brown seized a chance to put his team in front.

Southampton pressed hard for an equaliser but the pace was falling on both teams and Blackpool did enough to hold on to their advantage.

Other results: League Division I Arsenal 2, Derby County 2; Aston Villa 6, Portsmouth 2; Bolton W. 2, Middlesbrough 2; Manchester U. 2, Wolves 2.

"C" DIVISION BADMINTON

In "C" Division Badminton League matches played last night, CCC beat Chinese YMCA 5-4.

P.V. Yap (CCC) beat K.H. Lo 15-10; K.H. Wong 15-4; Martin Wong (CCC) lost to K.H. Lo 5-15; lost to C.K. Wong 9-15; Z.A. Abbas (CCC) beat C.Y. San 15-10.

P.V. Yap and L. Soussa (CCC) beat R. Hsu and C.K. Wong 21-19; Hsu and C.K. Wong lost to L. Lo and Z.A. Abbas and G.T. Louie (CCC) beat R. Hsu and C.K. Wong 21-19; lost to C.Y. San and K.H. Lo 17-21.

Colony Snooker And Billiards

K.K. Lai (Eastern) beat C.W. Po (South China) by two frames to one in a Colony Open Junior Snooker Championship game at the Cosmos Club last night.

K.C. Tsui (Eastern) beat C.Y. Yue (South China) by 300-230 in a Colony Open Junior Billiards Championship game at the same Club.

In a Colony Senior Snooker Championship match at Kowloon Tong J.E. Medina beat K.C. Hoo 4-1.

CLUB EXPELLED FROM USLTA

New York, Feb. 18. The United States Lawn Tennis Association has expelled from its membership the Edgewood Country Club of Charles West Virginia, for failure to furnish an accounting of expenses paid to player participants.

Under the ban, believed to be unprecedented in the history of American tennis, the Club will be unable to stage amateur tennis tournaments without USLTA sanction.

Members will be barred from USLTA competitions. — Reuter.

Charlton v. Blackpool Next Monday

London, Feb. 18. The English League Division I fixture, Charlton Athletic versus Blackpool, which was postponed last Saturday (Feb. 14) as Blackpool were changed in a FA Cup match, will be played at Charlton next Monday (Feb. 23).



"It's perfectly simple, dear Brown, snookered Brown behind brown."

London Express Service

FENCING FINALS

Major Brewer A Triple Winner

The air was alive with the ring of steel last night as white-coated contestants duelled for supremacy in the finals of the Army Individual Fencing Championship at the European YMCA.

The competition was with three weapons, the foil, the epee and the sabre, which were all won by Major G.P.R. Brewer, of Royal Army Educational Corps.

Major Brewer, who was the outstanding fencer of the night, has been fencing for 20 years and has won trophies all over the world.

An interested observer was Mr. Christopher Grose-Hodges, who was Great Britain's only epee representative at the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki.

The prizes were a foil, an epee and a sabre, all made by the famous sword-maker, Leon Paul. The runners-up received engraved medals.

The YMCA gives free fencing lessons to any of its members who are interested in fencing. It was announced yesterday.

THE RESULTS

Following were the results of the competition: Winner—Major Brewer. Runner-up—Lieut. J.O. Cave. Epee: winner—Major Brewer; runner-up—Lieut. G.H. Griffiths. Sabre: winner—Major Brewer; runner-up—Lieut. J.A. RASC.

WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are League Hockey fixtures for the week-end:

SATURDAY Ladies' League

Recreia "A" v Dorians "Green"—King's Park Pool Ground, 3 p.m. Umpires: Maj. L.S. Mopside, B. G. M. S. Southern.

Victorians v KGV "B"—Happy Valley Pool Ground, 2.45 p.m. Umpires: Tara Singh, J. Asome.

Greenlins "A" v KGV "A"—Police Ground, 3 p.m. Umpires: Sgt. Hoad, L.D. Pankajew.

Dorians "White" v DGS—King's Park Pool Ground, 4.15 p.m. Umpires: Yagub Khan, N. Nery.

SUNDAY

First Division (Men's) Argonauts v RAF—HCC—Police Ground, 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Maj. A.J.B. Boycott, P.O. P.J. Ball.

Second Division (Men's) IKAAP v Dutch—Kai Tak 10.30 a.m. Umpires: V/Lt E.J. Cordon, Sgt. T.O. Davis.

Southampton v Nav Bharat—Happy Valley Pool Ground, 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Krishan Lal, P.O. P.J. Ball.

Teams or umpires unable to meet show fixtures are requested to contact C. Verheul, the Hon. Justice Secretary of the H.K.L.A., immediately by phone (30348).

Kramer Levels His Score With Sedgman

New York, Feb. 18. Jack Kramer (USA) beat Wimbledon's champion Frank Sedgman (Australia) at Albany, New York, last night to level their professional lawn tennis series at 19 matches all.

The Americans won 2-0, 6-3, 6-4. Sedgman's team mate Ken McGregor beat Francisco Segura (Ecuador), 3-0, 6-4, 7-6, but Segura leads at 24 matches to 23 in their series. — Reuter.

SWINDON TOWN SIGN ON NIGERIAN RAILWAY CLERK AS A PROFESSIONAL

By DENNIS HART

It is a far cry from the hard sun-baked soccer grounds of Nigeria, where crowds are generally measured in hundreds, to the lush green turf of Wembley with its vast stands echoing to the cheers of a hundred thousand spectators.

But to play at Britain's finest stadium is the ambition of Titus Okere, a 25-year-old Nigerian railway clerk. To fulfil it he has taken one big step already. He has joined an English League club, Swindon Town, as a professional, the first Nigerian ever to do so.

This has satisfied another of his ambitions—to play in English League soccer. As a lad in Nigeria he dreamed of playing football in England. He was a soccer-mad as any British boy. He used to buy all the English football magazines he could and eagerly devoured every word. If the local cinema was showing a newswreel that included shots of English soccer, Titus would go even if he did not like the film.

He got to know English soccer better than many English fans themselves.

Imagine his excitement, therefore, when four years ago he was selected at outside-left as a member of the Nigerian team to tour England, to play the leading amateur clubs.

Waiting for the tour to begin, time weighed heavily on Titus's hands. But when the day finally arrived the time flashed by all too quickly.

THE TOUR WHOLELY, rather than satisfied, his appetite for English soccer. Having tasted it he thirsted for more. He returned to his job as a clerk with the Nigerian Railways in Lagos. But in spirit he was still in England, reliving the tour over and over again in his mind.

The months slipped by, and with them it seemed, his chances of playing permanently in English soccer. But then fate took a hand. The coach to the railway team for which Titus played was Len Robins, a native of Swindon, out in Nigeria on railway work.

Len is a keen supporter of his Town's club, and he wrote to manager Louis Page recommending him to sign Titus.

After consultation with the club directors, Mr. Page wrote to Titus asking him if he could like to join Swindon. Titus needed no persuading. It was a gamble, and meant throwing up his job and temporary separation from his wife, Lena, but he accepted immediately.

When I spoke to him after his first day's training at Swindon he told me that he could still hardly believe it. It was a typical English February morning, with frost still on the ground and a keen east wind which penetrated the thickest of overcoats. I asked Titus how he felt 4,000 miles away from the sun and his friends.

"Well, the sun might be a long way away," replied Titus in his normal quiet-spoken manner, "but I certainly miss it. But I've already made lots of friends here. The players and the staff of the club have done everything to make me feel at home, and so

there's no problem."

Gardini Claims Filipinos Were Unsporting

Rome, Feb. 18. Fausto Gardini, Italian ace tennis player who got in a terrific squabble with umpires and fans at a Manila match last week, said upon his arrival today that his opponent, Felisimo Ampon, as well as 10,000 spectators "showed little sportsmanship."

Gardini said the spectators "jerked constantly and prevented regular play."

"I had won the first set," he said. "Then, in the second, one of my balls was ruled outside by the line umpire."

"While I was protesting, a photographer came out on the court to take a picture. I objected to this and the public began whistling and throwing bottles."

Gardini also expressed the belief that some of Ampon's shots ruled good by the judges had gone out. He also accused Ampon of prolonging his rest period between the third and fourth sets.

"When Ampon rested another 10 minutes, claiming he had cramps in his legs, I stopped playing," said Gardini. Associated Press.

Irish Cup Replay

London, Feb. 18. Coleraine beat Ballymena United 2-1 after extra time in an Irish Cup first round, second replay today. Coleraine are now away to Crusaders in the second round, on March 1. — Reuter.

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BOOTS PROBLEM

Titus told me that one of his main problems was to get used to playing in boots. He has never done this before. When he toured England in 1949 he did wear anklets, a crepe bandage covering his ankle and instep, but otherwise all his football has been played in bare feet.

There is no rule in British football, which insists on players wearing boots, but after a few steps Titus found the cold was too much. To start with when he will wear hockey boots, which are rubber soled with light studs, and when he gets used to these will graduate to normal English boots.

He also wants to put on some weight. For at 8st. 11lb. he is a little light for the hardy-bush of English League soccer. "But the way Mrs Wakeley is feeding me, I'll soon be a heavyweight," cracked Titus.

As regards the pattern of English soccer, Titus said the main thing he will have to learn is teamwork. "In Nigeria" he said "we rely mainly on individual skill. But here you play as a team not only passing the ball to a colleague, but slipping it into the empty space for him to run on to. In that way, the game is faster than ours, though played on heavier grounds."

POINT IN FAVOUR

But Titus has already found a point in favour of heavy

Bantamweight Title Fight A Sell-Out

Johannesburg, Feb. 18. The Towel-Carruthers world bantamweight title return fight here on February 28 looks like being a sell-out.

Only 750 of the 24,000 reserved seats still available, the promoters announced that 8,500 unsold seats at 12 shillings and three pence each will be put on sale.

A record crowd of 3,000 is thus expected.

About £30,000 has already been taken, but the record gate of £43,000—taken for the Freddie Mills-Johnny Ralph fight several years ago—may not be broken since seat prices are lower, nowadays.

After a poor sparring display on Monday, Vic Towel, the ex-champion seeking to regain his title, showed improved form at his latest workouts. His brother Maurice said, "Vic was a bit worried himself on Monday but now feels on top of his form."

Johnny Carruthers' trainers also report the Champion as being "in great shape." Associated Press.

Rugger Results

London, Feb. 18. Rugby League Cup first round, second leg results today were: Leeds 32, Wakefield Trinity 9 (Wakefield eliminated).

Rugby Union Cup Second Round St. Thomas Hospital 0, Guy's Hospital 0 (replay on February 20).

County match North Midlands 10, Monmouthshire 10. — Reuter.

EXIT WALTHAMSTOW



Wood, the Manchester goalie, punches clear from T. Bailey, Walthamstow outside-right, in the replay of the Fourth Round Cup tie at Highbury on February 5. Manchester United won 5-2 to end the amateur club's glorious FA Cup run.

HKASF & OC MEETING

Object Of Taking Part In Olympic Games Achieved

ASIAN AND EMPIRE GAMES NEXT YEAR

The Report and Statement of Accounts of Mr. A. de O. Sales, Hon. Secretary General of the Olympic Committee of Hongkong, covering Hongkong's participation in the Olympic Games at Helsinki in 1952, were approved and adopted at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hongkong held yesterday with Mr. J. Skinner in the chair.

Mr. Skinner, who was also with the Hongkong contingent at Helsinki, said that all those who participated in the Games were well prepared, except as the Hongkong Football Association was not affiliated to FIFA. It would not be eligible to take part in the Games.

Mr. Skinner referred to an amusing incident which occurred at the dinner reception for H.K.A. at the Duke of Edinburgh. He said that the Press photographer who was to take a group photograph found, after getting everyone in position, that he had no film for his camera. As a result, there was no photograph.

Mr. Skinner said that the object in taking part in the Games was to show Hongkong's flag, gain experience and to become acquainted with other sports or games of the world. This object, he added, had been successfully achieved.

Mr. Skinner mentioned, however, that he was unable to represent the Hongkong Football Association, which he had been authorised to do, because the Association was not a member of F.I.F.A.

SIR ARTHUR RESIGNS

A letter from the Hon. Sir Arthur Moore, tendering his resignation as President of the Federation, was read. Sir Arthur said in his letter that it had been a privilege to have served the Federation as President, particularly when Hongkong was represented for the first time, at the Olympic Games.

He also expressed the hope that Hongkong would send more teams to international competitions and wished the Federation every success, both within and without the Colony.

Mr. Skinner said that since Sir Arthur was leaving the Colony, there was no alternative but to accept his resignation.

It was decided to make a presentation to Sir Arthur in the form of a silver cigarette box engraved with the Olympic rings. It was further decided that the presentation be made in a manner which would not result in further intrusions on Sir Arthur's time.

The question of Hongkong's participation in the Asian Games in Manila in 1954 was discussed. Mr. Skinner said that more countries than ever before were participating. The Games would

be held under Olympic rules and there would also be a number of invitation events which were not on the Olympic programme.

Mr. Skinner pointed out that as the Hongkong Football Association was not affiliated to FIFA, it would not be eligible to take part in the Games.

Answering a question by Mr. Mok Hing, Mr. Skinner said that it was not correct that the HKFA had to pay five per cent on takings from games against all visiting teams to FIFA. The percentage would only be payable in the case of full international matches and did not apply to matches against teams from individual Clubs which visited the Colony.

EMPIRE GAMES

The Empire Games which are to be held in Vancouver, Canada, next year were also discussed, and Mr. Skinner expressed the hope that Hongkong would be able to send a Lawn Bowls team.

Mr. Sales said that a financial grant would be made by Canada to assist Hongkong in sending a team. This grant, however, would not be a blanket grant, but would be for a specified number of competitors.

Mr. Sales also mentioned that competitors would be provided facilities at the University of Vancouver.

Mr. Skinner said that through the mediation of the Federation, the recent dispute between the Hongkong and Kowloon Basketball Association and the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation of Hongkong, relative to the latter staging a series of exhibition games against the visiting Korean team without the consent and approval of the HK & KBA had been amicably settled.

Mr. Skinner emphasised that the Federation only intervened in the capacity of mediators on the application of the HK & KBA.

It was decided to circulate all affiliated organisations that amateur sports in the Colony cannot take place without the consent and co-operation of the controlling body of that sport.

A letter from the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation inviting Hongkong to send swimmers and tennis players to Manila was read. The meeting

was informed that the swimmers were unable to go, but tennis players went down.

Mr. Sales said that a letter had been received from the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association to the effect that it would like to deal direct with the P.A.A.F. and that he had replied that he personally had no objection in the matter.

An application by the Hongkong Table Tennis Association for a grant of \$10,000 to enable it to send a three-man team to the World Championships at Bucharest was discussed.

When it was decided that the application could not be granted, the question of a loan was brought up.

After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Skinner and Mr. L. G. Young, Hon. Treasurer of the Federation, approach the Eastern Athletic Association and Sing Tao Sports Club, to whom the players belonged, for assistance.

HKASA Report On Helsinki Olympic Games

A very comprehensive report on the participation of Hongkong's swimming team at the XVth Olympic Games held at Helsinki in 1952 has been published by the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association.

The report, which has been prepared by Mr. H. W. Winglee, Leader of the Hongkong coaching team, contains a wealth of technical and other information which should prove to be of considerable value to those organising swimming and other teams for Olympic, Empire and Asian Games in the future.

Official and social functions in which the Hongkong contingent took part are also described in detail, which a Team Leader's Diary, giving a day-by-day account of the routine and non-routine duties of the Hongkong team makes interesting reading.

Complete swimming results at the Games are given in detail at the end of the report and should prove useful for ready reference.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 6th March, 1953 to the 19th March, 1953, both days inclusive.

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All members are earnestly requested to be present and an invitation is cordially extended to members of the public interested in Child Welfare.

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Soviet Veto Of Pearson Unlikely

United Nations, Feb. 18.

Strong rumours that the Soviet Union would veto the appointment of Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian Minister of External Affairs, as United Nations Secretary-General in succession to Mr. Trygve Lie were current today.

Hints to that effect were reported to have been given by Soviet diplomats both in Washington and in the United Nations.

One delegate, who is in a position to know what goes on behind the scenes, said that he had heard persistent rumours that the Soviet Union would not object to Mr. Pearson but he added that he had not heard such a statement directly from a Soviet spokesman.

The same delegate believed that Mr. Pearson when asked if he would like the job had replied that a person did not ask for such an appointment but was drafted into it.—Router.

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Blunt Warning To Russia

US Will Defend Berlin

Berlin, Feb. 18.
A blunt warning was served on the Soviets to-night by the United States High Commissioner, Dr. James Conant, that the Eisenhower administration would defend Berlin as an "unshakable outpost of the Western world."

Dr. Conant also promised that the United States would oppose the threatened new Russian and German Communist measures to isolate completely the Western Allied sectors of the city.

His warning to the Soviet Union, made in a recorded speech in German, broadcast to the Soviet Occupation Zone of Germany over the American-operated radio RIAS.

Dr. Conant said the United States would never abandon Berlin, would maintain American rights in the city, was determined to keep open communication lines to the West, would oppose Communist threats to seal off the frontier within the city separating the United States, British and French sectors from the Soviet-run Eastern third of the city.

COMMUNIST THREAT

The new High Commissioner's warning was prompted by Communist threats to complete isolation of West Berlin and abrogate the four-power agreements which permit the Western Allies to occupy parts of Berlin and travel to and from the city.

"The new administration in Washington will not abandon Berlin," said Dr. Conant. "The United States is pledged to do its part, to see to it that this city continues as an unshakable outpost of the Western world. We shall continue to insist on free circulation throughout the entire city. We shall continue to fulfill our duties and to maintain our rights."

The High Commissioner also made it clear that the United States was in Berlin together with its Western Allies through the defeat of Germany and not by virtue of any secret agreement with Russia which could be abrogated.

He described the Communist East German government as a "puppet regime backed by Soviet arms" and accused it of establishing the "tyranny of the one-party system."—United Press.

Doctor Driver Fined \$1,500

Dr Robert Symons was convicted by Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central this morning of dangerous driving and failing to stop after an accident. He was cautioned and discharged on charges of careless driving and failing to report an accident.

He was fined a total of \$1,500 or six months.
Mr. Lo said "Upon a review of the eyewitness evidence both at the time of the impact and immediately afterward and after considering and weighing the evidence generally, with reference to the damage on the car, the injuries sustained by the woman and the skid-marks and the broken glasses around the body, I find myself unable to resist the conclusion that there is a case to answer on both charges."

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